

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a surface,
the method comprising:
fixing microparticles to a carrier layer or a substrate either before or after
hydrophobizing of said microparticles;
hydrophobizing said microparticles with component[[s]] i) ~~or ii)~~:
i) ~~an oligomer of a fluorosilane or~~ [[a]] an oligomer of a fluorosilane,
~~fluorosiloxane, or~~
ii) ~~a mixture of~~
~~_____ a) an oligomer of a fluorosilane or a fluorosiloxane, and~~
~~_____ b) a fluorosilane or a fluorosiloxane,~~
to form a resulting surface having a surface structure,
the surface structure having elevations which are formed by said microparticles,
said elevations having a mean height of from 20 nm to 25 μ m and a mean separation
of from 20 nm to 25 μ m,
the microparticles having a particle diameter of from 0.02 to 100 μ m and having been
hydrophobized with component[[s]] i) ~~or ii)~~;
the resulting surface having self-cleaning, oleophobic, lipophobic and lactophobic
properties;
wherein said substrate is a textile.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the microparticles are pyrogenic silica or precipitated silica particles hydrophobized with fluoroalkylalkoxysilanes.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfaces are the surfaces of textiles, advertising media, awning materials, covering films, industrial nonwovens, items of clothing, outdoor clothing, rainwear, workwear, children's clothing, protective clothing, semifinished products, films or articles made of plastic.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): An article with at least one surface with self-cleaning, hydrophobic, lipophobic, oleophobic and lactophobic properties, wherein the article is coated with the hydrophobized microparticles of claim 1.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the article is a textile, an advertising medium, an awning material, a covering film, an industrial nonwoven, an item of clothing, an outdoor clothing, a rainwear, a workwear, a children's clothing, a protective clothing, a semifinished product, a film or an article made of plastic.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mean height is from 50 nm to 10 μm and the mean separation is from 50 nm to 10 μm .

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mean height is from 50 nm to 4 μm and the mean separation is from 50 nm to 4 μm .

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has elevations with a mean height of from 0.25 to 1 μm and a mean separation of from 0.25 to 1 μm .

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has a static contact angle of greater than 130°.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has a difference between advancing and receding angle of not more than 10°.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has a surface structure having an aspect ratio of the elevations of greater than 0.15.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has elevations which are formed by the microparticles themselves having an aspect ratio of from 0.3 to 1.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the microparticles penetrate at least partly into the surface.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resulting surface has elevations which are formed by the microparticles themselves having an aspect ratio of less than 1.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the microparticles lie on the surface and are bonded to it by a physical force.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the microparticles which form the elevations of the structured surface are those which have an irregular fine structure in the nanometer range on the surface.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the microparticles with the irregular fine structure have elevations or fine structures with an aspect ratio of greater than 1.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the microparticles or the entire resulting surface after the application of the microparticles to the surface is hydrophobized again with fluorosilanes or fluorsiloxanes.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein more than 50% of the particles are embedded into the surface up to an extent of 90% of their mean diameter.